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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR IS SF SL

SUBJECT: VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL

REF: STATE 91610

1. VORSTER TRIP TO ISRAEL APPEARS TO HAVE ATTRACTED LITTLE
ATTENTION IN SIERRA LEONE. GOSL HAS MADE NO PUBLIC COMMENT
AND EMBASSY DOES NOT SENSE ANY DEEP DEGREE OF INTEREST.
PRESS PLAY RESTRICTED TO LIMITED AMOUNT OF WIRE SERVICE
REPORTING, WITH ONLY COMMENT SEEN TO DATE BEING THAT OF
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2. REACTION, OR ABSENCE THEREOF, APPEARS REFLECT FACT THAT, WHILE GOSL OBEDIENTLY PAYS LIP SERVICE AS REQUIRED, SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES ARE NOT HIGH ON GOSL INTEREST LIST. FAR HEAVIER FACTOR AT PRESENT TIME IN SHAPING GOSL REACTIONS TO STATUS OF ISRAEL IS GOSL'S CONTINUING (BUT SO FAR RELATIVELY UNSECCESFUL) EFFORT TO ATTRACT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ARAB OIL EXPORTING GOVERNMENTS. GOSL RECENTLY SEEMS TO HAVE RENEGED ON WRITTEN COMMITMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SUPPORT GHANAIAI CANDIDACY FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK PRESIDENCY UNDER LIBYAN PRESSURE IN EXCHANGE FOR MERE HOPE LIBYANS MIGHT COME THROUGH ON A VAGUE PROMISE OF FUTURE HELP (FREETOWN 1129 NOTAL. GOSL CONCENTRATION ON HOPE OF ARAB FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LIKELY TO DOMINATE GOSL THINKING ON ISRAELI-CONNECTED ISSUES FOR AT LEAST TIME BEING AND WILL PROBABLY KEEP GOSL FROM MAKING ANY POSITIVE GUESTURE TOWARD ISRAEL IN THE ITERIM DESPITE CERTAIN AOUNT OF SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL AT HIGH LEVELS OF GOVT.

3. FACT OF FORSTER VISIT COULD BE USED IN FUTURE, HOWEVER, BY THOSE IN SL WHO MORE INCLINED TO BE AGAINST ISRAEL IF AT SOME TIME IT SHOULD APPEAR GOSL MIGHT BE THINKING OF MAKING GESTURE TOWARD GOI.

4. IN MEANTIME, PRESENT GOSL TENDENCE OF ROLLING OVER IN FARU OF ARAB PRESSURES IN HOPES GAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WOULD APPEAR MAKE IT UNLIKELY GOSL WOULD REPEAT ITS STANCE AT LAST YEAR'S OAU SUMMIT OF RESISTING ARAB MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNGA UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF OTHER OAU MEMBERS TOOK THAT POSITION.
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